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SUBJ: ALLMAND CALLS ON NORTHERNERS TO REDUCE THEIR
ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE OF GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION

1. FEDERAL INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER WARREN ALLMAND USED OPENING SESSION OF NWT COUNCIL JAN. 22 AS FORUM TO TELL NWT RESIDENTS THAT THEY SHOULD REDUCE THEIR ECONOMIC RELIANCE ON GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION. ALLMAND STATED THAT NO MATTER WHAT DECISION MIGHT BE MADE ON A PIPELINE, THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT TO BUILD A HEALTHY ECONOMY IN THE NWT AND THE YUKON. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO EXTEND ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRAMS TO THE NORTH AND MAIN GOAL OF THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE TO FURTHER POSITION OF NORTHERN NATIVES. DIAND MINISTER WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THAT MORE THAN MATERIAL COMPENSATION WAS INVOLVED IN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AND THAT THE "GOC SEEKS, THROUGH NEGOTIATED ARRANGEMENTS, TO INSURE THAT NATIVE PEOPLE HAVE BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES AND TAKE THEIR OWN PLACE IN THE EVOLUTION OF CANADIAN SOCIETY".

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2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING SPEECH, ALLMAND SAID THAT THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE WOULD BE BUILT. FACTORS WEIGHING AGAINST MACKENZIE DELTA PIPELINE WERE EXISTENCE OF GAS SUPPLIES IN SOUTHERN CANADA, MAJOR ESCALATION IN PIPELINE COST ESTIMATES, AND REQUEST BY PIPELINE COMPANIES FOR OPEN-ENDED FINANCIAL GUARANTEES FROM GOVERNMENT. ALLMAND INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE

PUBLIC INQUIRY ON ALCAN PIPELINE PROPOSAL AND THAT NATIVE

ROUPS WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH FUNDS SO THAT THEY COULD
PARTICIPATE IN THESE HEARINGS.

3. MAYOR OF INUVIK TOLD REPORTING OFFICER THAT ALLMAND HAD
BEEN SHARPLY QUESTIONED FOR EXTENDED PERIOD FOLLOWING HIS
ADDRESS TO NWT COUNCIL. ALLMAND HAD DENIED THAT HE FAVORED
ALCAN PIPELINE OVER ARCTIC GAS ROUTE BUT NWT PIPELINE
SUPPORTERS CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT ALLMAND HAD
NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NORTHERN PIPELINE PROJECT.
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